

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1151

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Paul and Mrs. Betty Brown on being recognized as "Leaders in Christian Service" by Milligan College.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to recognize those exemplary Christian servants whose devout service to God and their respective communities has instilled in others the faith to follow His spiritual path; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul and Mrs. Betty Brown of Johnson City are two such distinguished citizens who radiate God's love and evince the greatest integrity and probity in all their chosen endeavors; through their great capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, they have enriched the lives of the people in their community and around the world for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Brown have recently been honored as "Leaders in Christian Service" by Milligan College, a most appropriate and deserved honor; and

WHEREAS, each year, individuals from the Tri-Cities area are presented at the Leaders in Christian Service Convocation held at Milligan College as examples of those who exemplify Christian character and witness in their vocation, community, and church; and

WHEREAS, the Leaders in Christian Service program does not give awards, but instead seeks to provide examples for Milligan's students and the community at large of what servant leadership is all about and how it works on a daily basis by recognizing those individuals who are doing an outstanding job of integrating their faith with their profession; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul and Mrs. Betty Brown have their own careers and their respective paths of Christian service; however, they also utilize their marriage as a dynamic force to carry out Jesus Christ's commandment to "Go into all the world, making disciples among all the nations," beginning in their community and radiating His love and power around the world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Brown have a great heart for missions; for more than twenty years, Dr. Brown has led an annual trip to Mexico, and Mrs. Brown has served as President and a board member of The Mission Society of United Methodists and a board member of the Overseas Ministry Study Center at Yale University; and

WHEREAS, together, Dr. and Mrs. Brown founded the LeeAnne K. Brown Hope Medical Clinic in Kazakhstan to provide much needed medical treatment and hope there; and

WHEREAS, as valuable members of Munsey Memorial United Church in Johnson City, they have taught the Upward Bound Sunday School Class for 30 years and serve the church in numerous other capacities; and

WHEREAS, the Browns are the proud parents of four children and the loving grandparents of four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, both highly respected professionals, Dr. Brown is an internal medicine specialist and Mrs. Brown is an author, educator, and consultant; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown received his medical degree from Medical College of Virginia and is a U.S. Army veteran who served as Chief of Medicine at the U.S. Army 30th Field Hospital in Germany during his active duty; and

WHEREAS, presently, Dr. Brown is in private practice with Johnson City Internal Medicine Associates and serves as a Clinical Professor of Medicine with the Quillen College of Medicine at ETSU; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown received her Master's degree in Psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University; she is the author of three books and a frequent speaker at seminars and conferences across the nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. Paul and Mrs. Betty Brown on being recognized as "Leaders in Christian Service" by Milligan College, salute them for their humble and devout service to their community, their church, and the citizens of Tennessee and the world, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.